

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. A weapon having a plurality of barrel assemblies of the type described arranged in a transportable pod whereby the barrels may be transported to and
5 directed at a selected target.
2. A weapon as claimed in claim 1 and including projectiles each having a projectile body in which matter or objects or may be transported.
- 10 3. A weapon as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein each projectile includes a trailing collar assembly captively mounted to the holding portion and extending rearwardly to wedge against a complementary shaped nose portion of the projectile body.
- 15 4. A weapon as claimed in claim 3, wherein the wedging configuration formed in the trailing end of the collar is a shallow wedge.
5. A weapon as claimed in claim 3 or claim 4, wherein the collar is mounted for limited axial movement relative to the projectile body and the leading end of the collar
20 is formed with an annular sealing face engageable with a trailing sealing face formed on the projectile body.
6. A weapon as claimed in claim 5, wherein said trailing sealing face and the annular sealing face are complementary part-conical sealing faces.
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7. A weapon as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein each projectile is associated with a high pressure propellant chamber exhausted to respective low pressure propulsion chambers formed between the adjacent
30 projectiles.
8. A barrel assembly for a weapon substantially as hereinbefore described and or illustrated.

9. A weapon including a plurality of barrel assemblies of the type described arranged in a transportable pod having:-

a pod housing;

support means for stably supporting the pod housing;

- 5 a plurality of barrel assemblies of the type described supported in spaced relationship within said pod housing by respective swivel mounts, and
direction control means for selectively varying the relative alignment between the barrel assemblies so as to selectively vary the relative delivered positions of projectiles fired from different barrels at the target.

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10. A weapon as claimed in claim 9, wherein the direction control means permits uniform pivoting of the barrel assemblies so that the inclination of the axes of the barrel assemblies relative to a pod axis may be selectively varied individual pivoting of each barrel assembly so that the inclination of each barrel axis relative to a pod
15 axis may be individually varied to enable a target position or individual target positions relative to the pod to be varied.

11. A weapon as claimed in claim 9 or claim 10, wherein the direction control means permits a controlled splaying of all barrel assemblies.

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